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present status information with the user indicators. User SC modules 31 may, for example, send status information (preferably in real time) for that user system whenever the status information for that user system changes. The information may be compiled by server SC module 29 and sent to user SC modules 31 (e.g., at login, when a user status changes). Other mechanisms for status updates of all users may also be used. For example, a system administrator or user may set a desired interval for performing status updates. Further, status of users may be periodically checked by user SC modules 31 only when that information is desired for presenting with a user indicator.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A system for presenting a status indicator within at least one electronic document to provide user status associated with one or more system users, the system comprising:

user indicator presentation means for presenting one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user;

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status determining means for determining the status of the one or more system users, wherein the status of the one or more system users is associated with the one or more user indicators; and

status indicator presenting means for presenting at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the at least one electronic document to provide the status of selected system users.

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3. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the status indicator presenting means presents the status indicator through use of at least one menu.

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5. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the status indicator presenting means indicates the status of a selected system user by altering representations of the status indicator for the selected user.

6. (Amended) A method for presenting a status indicator within at least one electronic document to provide system user status for one or more system users, the method comprising the steps of:

presenting one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document;

associating each user indicator with at least one system user;

determining the status of the one or more system users associated with the one or more user indicators; and

presenting at least the status indicator and the one or more user indicators, wherein the status indicator indicates the status of selected system users.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of presenting at least the status indicator and the one or more user indicators comprises presenting at least one symbol with the status indicator.

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8. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of presenting at least the status indicator and the one or more user indicators comprises presenting at least one menu with the status indicator.

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9. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of presenting at least the status indicator comprises color coding.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of presenting one or more communication preferences associated with the one or more system users.

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12. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of enabling at least one application to be shared among the one or more system users.

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13. (Amended) A system for presenting a status indicator within at least one electronic document to provide system user status for one or more system users, the system comprising:
a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user;
a status determining module that determines a status of the one or more system users associated with the one or more user indicators; and

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a status indicator presenting module that presents at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the at least one electronic document to provide the status of selected system users.

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15. (Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the status indicator presenting module presents the status indicator using at least one menu.

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17. (Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the status indicator presenting module is adapted to indicate the status of selected system users by altering representations of the status indicator for the selected system user.

18. (Amended) A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for presenting a status indicator within at least one electronic document to provide system user status for one or more system users, the medium comprising:

user indicator presenting processor readable code that causes a processor to present one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user;

status determining processor readable code that causes the processor to determine the status of one or more system users associated with the one or more user indicators; and

status indicator presenting processor readable code that causes the processor to present at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the at least one electronic document to provide the status of selected system users.

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20. (Amended) The medium of claim 18, wherein the status indicator presenting processor readable code causes the processor to present the status indicator using at least one menu.

21. (Amended) The medium of claim 18, wherein the status indicator presenting processor readable code causes the processor to present the status indicator using color coding.

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22. (Amended) The medium of claim 21, further comprising communication establishing processor readable code that causes the processor to establish at least one communication with the one or more system users.

23. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising communication preference processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more system users to identify a preference for receiving the at least one communication.

24. (Amended) The medium of claim 18, further comprising conference communications processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more system users to establish conference communications.

25. (Amended) The medium of claim 24, wherein the conference communications processor readable code causes the processor to enable the one or more system users to share at least one application.

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26. (New) A system for presenting a status indicator within at least one electronic document to provide system user status for one or more system users, the system comprising:

- a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user;
- a status determining module associated with a first system application that determines a status of the at least one system user associated with the one or more user indicators; and
- a status indicator presenting module associated with a second system application that presents at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the at least one electronic document to provide the status of selected system users, wherein the first system application and the second system application are different system applications.

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27. (New) A system for presenting a status indicator within at least one non-HTML application to provide system user status for one or more system users, the system comprising:

- a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within the at least one non-HTML application, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user;
- a status determining module that determines a status of the at least one system user associated with the one or more user indicators; and

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a status indicator presenting module that presents at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the at least one non-HTML application to provide the status of selected system users.

28. (New) A communication system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links in at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user, wherein the at least one system user comprises all system users capable of accessing the communication system;

Ag a status determining module associated with a first system application that determines a status of the at least one system user associated with the one or more user indicators; and

a status indicator presenting module associated with a second system application that presents at least a status indicator and the user indicators in the at least one electronic document to provide the status of selected system users, wherein the first system application and the second system application are different system applications.

29. (New) A communication system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators appearing in at least one electronic document as links, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user, wherein the at least one system user comprises all system users capable of accessing the communication system;

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~~A9~~ a status determining module that determines a status of the at least one system user associated with the one or more user indicators; and

a status indicator presenting module that presents at least a status indicator and the user indicators in the at least one electronic document to provide the status of selected system users.
